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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Because of the many changes in countable income amounts due to the Cost of Living Allowance increase, please be sure to review the countable income amounts of each of your residents that have been preprinted on your Turn-around Document (TAD) this month. If there is a discrepancy, please make the correction on the TAD by drawing a single line through the incorrect income amount and write the correct amount above it. Please be sure to attach a copy of the CRCF-01 or MSC004 Form showing the correct countable income for any of these changes to your TAD. We can only accept these changes if you have the correct back-up documentation. If you make these changes without the correct form as back-up, the client will be removed from the TAD and you will not be paid for that client.

INTEGRATED PERSONAL CARE (IPC) PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

IPC applications are currently being accepted for review for facilities that are "in good standing" with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), "in good standing" with the OSS Program and able to make their facility ADA compliant. Please review the IPC program information below to see if you would like to participate. If you feel you meet these qualifications and you are interested in becoming an IPC Provider or would like more information regarding the program, please contact Bethanie Brown at 803-898-2697.

INTEGRATED PERSONAL CARE (IPC) PROGRAM

The Integrated Personal Care (IPC) program was developed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) to maximize existing state funding for the Optional State Supplementation (OSS) program and improve the quality of care and quality of life for residents of licensed community residential care facilities (CRCFs) whose income is subsidized with OSS dollars appropriated by the General Assembly. CRCFs are commonly referred to as assisted living facilities. The OSS payment covers room and board and a degree of personal care. OSS recipients meet specific age or disability requirements, have limited income and resources and occupy an approved slot through the OSS system. Many of these individuals require considerably more than a limited degree of personal care assistance. The Integrated Personal Care (IPC) program provides additional reimbursement to facilities to provide assistance with personal care for residents who meet the medical criteria required for participation. The assistance must be provided by a resident assistant that has been trained and determined competent to provide the service by a licensed nurse with weekly supervision by a licensed nurse contracted or employed by the CRCF.

In order to participate, licensed facilities must have a full time facility administrator with a high school diploma or equivalent, at least two years experience in a health care setting and the ability to direct and manage staff. The facility must also have a trained awake aide on duty in the facility (or in each building of a facility) twenty-four hours a day to meet the scheduled and unpredicted needs of the resident and to provide supervision for the safety and security of the residents. The facility must employ or contract with a registered nurse (RN) to develop the residents' care plan and and/or a registered or licensed nurse to provide training and weekly supervision for the resident assistants. There are also specific requirements related to the facility building(s) themselves such as adequate number of bathrooms and accessibility. Other facility participation requirements relate specifically to quality of care and quality of life issues.

The IPC Program employs four (4) registered nurses to evaluate residents' needs and authorize the provision of services to the facility for OSS residents who meet the IPC program medical/functional criteria. Residents are assessed by the SCDHHS RNs to establish the residents' need for the service and the appropriateness of the care plan. Criteria for coverage are two functional dependencies or one functional dependency combined with a form of cognitive impairment. The RN employed or contracted by the facility develops the care plan, trains and determines competency of direct care staff to provide the service in an acceptable manner and provide weekly supervision and monitoring. The administrator of the facility provides daily supervision and on-site monitoring. Licensed nurses work with SCDHHS nurses to conduct periodic assessments to monitor the residents' condition, evaluate the adequacy and quality of care, and identify residents whose needs exceed those that can be provided in the CRCF.

In order to participate, the facility must be enrolled in good standing with the SCDHEC licensing and OSS program. The facility must submit an application and ADA checklist to be considered for participation. Additional quality of care and quality of life requirements are specified in the IPC Program manual and contracts. The IPC Program manual is available online at www.scdhhs.gov.

As of July 1, 2007, the IPC program reimburses facilities at the rate of \$16.00 per day. A reduction to the OSS payment is used to provide the state match, thereby maximizing existing state funding for the OSS program and enhancing revenue to the facility allowing them to enhance quality of care and quality of life for facility residents.